

April 26, 2010

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Re: MUR 6269

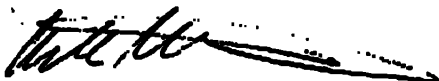
Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the request that was submitted to the FEC. I am not represented by counsel and my response is the same as I sent to the various news agencies that contacted me. Although your letter indicates that this is a private matter, the complaint process has been used as a purely political tool, complete with press releases.

The complaints are baseless. I ran an ad that indicated that Rory Reid, one of my opponents, was part of a "dynasty". In other words, he is related to his political father. If that is considered worth investigating, you have an awful lot of slates to look into out there, ideological or related. The ad was created by my new media advisors, Harris and Associates. They are based in Texas and did not coordinate the ad with anyone other than me and my campaign manager. The complaint alleges that I directed soft money to a federal campaign. I would not direct one dime of my resources outside of my campaign. It is alleged that it was coordinated with the Tarkanian campaign through Steve Wark, simply because the reports show that Wark did consulting work for both our campaigns. Consultants often work multiple campaigns. Mr. Wark knew nothing of the ad, and was not in the employ of my campaign after November of 2009. Even if he had been, I have depended on his discretion for years.

The effort was not donated, in-kind, or coordinated with Tarkanian or any other campaign. I made it clear on the ad that my campaign paid for it. Reference to a "dynasty" is obviously a reference to a son of Harry Reid.

Sincerely,



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